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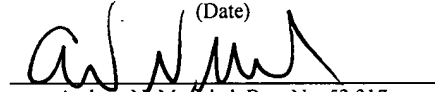
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LOW TEMPERATURES  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

The present paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on June 3, 2003 and is accompanied by a request for a two-month extension of the time for responding. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the subsequent remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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